support for the off-shore operations of the ONGC. Helicopters will also be offered to State Governments and Union Territories on lease. After these priorities are met, the Helicopter Corporation of India will consider providing scheduled services, depending on the availability of capacity, the necessary infrastructure and economic viability of operations.

There is no embargo on private operators operating scheduled and non-scheduled operations, subject to their obtaining approval from the competent authorities.

National Highway No.1

428. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 196 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd April 1986 and state:

(a) by when the work on the National Highway No. 1 for converting it into a four-lane highway is likely to be resumed;

(b) what is the outlay sanctioned for this work during the current year; and

(c) what length of this Highway is likely to be provided four-lanes by the end of 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The work for widening of National Highway-I into four-lanes is already in progress in different stretches.

(b) Rs. 7.00 crores.

(c) A length of 268 kms. is targetted for widening to four lanes by the end of 1990.

Harassment of SC/ST students

429. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are being harassed in the matter of admission in various colleges of Delhi University;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the students having lower marks have been admitted in the St. Stephen's and Khalsa College while admission has been denied to the eligible Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes students there; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates seeking admission in 1st year of Under-Graduate Courses in various colleges of Delhi University are registered centrally by the University and allotted colleges for admission in accordance with the preference given by them. Out of 3590 SC/ST candidates who were offered admission in various colleges, the University has received 210 complaints from candidates that they have been refused admission by various colleges. The University authorities are still looking into these complaints in consultation with the Principals of the colleges concerned to ensure admission of the SC/ST candidates.

Spreading of goitre

430. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that goitre has spread extensively in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and other States;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to control the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The data collection stage is over and the data are under analysis.

(d) Under the National Goitre Control Programme, iodised salt is supplied to goitre-endemic areas where notification banning the sale of salt other than iodised salt has been issued by the competent authorities. However, the Government of India have approved a scheme for iodisation of entire edible salt in a phased manner to be completed by 1992. Efforts are being made to make iodised salt available to all those areas affected by Goitre and other iodine deficiency disorders on pri-priority basis.

In addition, subsidy is being provided to the State Governments/Union Territory Administration for the establishment of Goitre Control Cell at the Directorates of Health Services and for health education measures.

Selection for Dr. B. C. Roy Awards

431. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELEFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the quidelines for awarding Dr. B. C. Roy. Awards;

(b) what is the composition of the Committee for selecting the candidates for these awards;

(c) whether Government are aware of the public criticism against some of the Awards this year; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps are being taken by Gvernment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Dr. B. C. Roy National Award Fund is a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 under the auspices of the Medical Council of India. Dr. B. C. Roy Awards are given to Eminent Medicalmen-cum-Statesmen; Eminent Medicalmen, Eminent men in Science, Arts, Literature, etc. The Nomination Papers received for the Awards are scrutinized by a Scrutiny Committee and the selection of the Awards are decided by a Committee known as Award Committee. The composition of the Award Committee is as follows:-

1.	Shri L.K. Jha	Chairman
2.	Shri Abdul Ghafoor, Union Minister for Urban Development	Member
3.	Dr. K.L. Wig	Member (Since expired)
4.	Dr. K.S. Sanjivi	Member
5.	Dr. B.N. Sinha, Former President, Medical Council of India	Member
6.	Dr. A.K. Sinha, President, M.C.I.	Member (Ex-Officio)
7.	Dr. R.K. Menda Elected Member by the General Body of the Council	Member

(c) and (d) A complaint was received alleging irregularities in the selection of nominees for the 1985 Dr. B. C. Roy National Award. The complaint was examined in accordance with the rules and regulations of Dr. B. C. Roy National Award Fund and it was seen that no irregularity had been committed.